

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**CAROLINE CASEY and MAGGIE
FLAHERTY**

Plaintiffs,

v.

**WILLIAM GARDNER, in his official
capacity as New Hampshire Secretary of
State, and**
**GORDON MACDONALD, in his official
capacity as New Hampshire Attorney
General**

Defendants.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE DEMOCRATIC
PARTY, By Raymond Buckley, Chair**

Plaintiff,

v.

**WILLIAM GARDNER, in his official
capacity as New Hampshire Secretary of
State, and**
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capacity as New Hampshire Attorney
General**

Defendants.

Consolidated Case No.: 1:19-cv-00149-JL

JOINT PROPOSED DISCOVERY PLAN

DATE/PLACE OF CONFERENCE: The parties have conferred through email and telephone in advance of the pretrial conference to be held on August 13, 2019. The parties have agreed on this Joint Proposed Discovery Plan except where indicated.

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THEORY OF LIABILITY:

2018 House Bill 1264 (“HB 1264”) changed the definition of resident and residency to require all registered voters to domesticate their driver’s licenses and car registrations in New Hampshire. Previously, only those who intended to remain in New Hampshire indefinitely were required to do so. This change is unconstitutional under the *Anderson-Burdick* framework, the Twenty-Sixth Amendment, and the Twenty-Fourth Amendment.

THEORY OF DEFENSE:

Plaintiffs Casey and Flaherty lack standing to bring this action. All Plaintiffs lack standing to bring this action against the New Hampshire Secretary of State. The claims against the New Hampshire Secretary of State are barred by the Eleventh Amendment because the complaint seeks no prospective injunctive relief that is attainable against him.

HB 1264 has no effect on New Hampshire elections and does not implicate the right to vote in a way that triggers the protections of the United States Constitution.

HB 1264 does not violate the First and Fourteenth Amendments because it does not burden the right to vote and it is supported by New Hampshire’s compelling interest in insuring that voters are full members of the electoral community.

HB 1264 does not violate the Twenty Sixth Amendment because it does not deny or abridge any citizen’s right to vote on account of age.

HB 1264 does not violate the Twenty Fourth Amendment because it does not constitute a

poll tax.

DAMAGES:

Plaintiffs seek declaratory and injunctive relief.

DEMAND: N/A

OFFER: N/A

JURISDICTIONAL QUESTIONS:

Whether Plaintiffs Casey and Flaherty lack standing to bring this action. Whether all Plaintiffs lack standing to bring this action against the New Hampshire Secretary of State. Whether the claims against the New Hampshire Secretary of State are barred by the Eleventh Amendment because the complaint seeks no prospective injunctive relief that is attainable against him.

QUESTIONS OF LAW:

Whether Plaintiffs Casey and Flaherty lack standing to bring this action. Whether all Plaintiffs lack standing to bring this action against the New Hampshire Secretary of State. Whether the claims against the New Hampshire Secretary of State are barred by the Eleventh Amendment because the complaint seeks no prospective injunctive relief that is attainable against him.

Whether HB 1264 is unconstitutional under the First and Fourteenth Amendments, the Twenty-Sixth Amendment, and/or the Twenty-Fourth Amendment.

TYPE OF TRIAL: Bench trial.

SCHEDULE

TRACK ASSIGNMENT: Expedited.

TRIAL DATE:

The parties propose the trial period of January 6-10, 2020. The submission of post-trial memoranda shall be permitted and shall be submitted by January 17, 2020.

DISCLOSURE OF CLAIMS AGAINST UNNAMED PARTIES: N/A.

AMENDMENT OF PLEADINGS: Plaintiffs' Position: Plaintiff: November 1, 2020. Defendant: December 2, 2020.

Defendants' Position: Plaintiff: August 31, 2019 Defendants: September 30, 2019

JOINDER OF ADDITIONAL PARTIES: None anticipated.

THIRD-PARTY ACTIONS: None anticipated.

MOTIONS TO DISMISS: No further motions to dismiss.

DATES OF DISCLOSURE OF EXPERTS AND EXPERTS' WRITTEN REPORTS AND SUPPLEMENTATIONS:

Plaintiffs' Position:

Disclosure of Written Reports:

Plaintiff: November 1, 2019

Defendants: December 2, 2019

Supplementations by plaintiff under Rule 26(e) due December 9, 2019

Supplementation by defendants under Rule 26(e) by December 16, 2019.

Defendants' Position:

Disclosure of Identity of Expert and Areas in Which Expert is Expected to Testify:

Plaintiff: August 15, 2019

Defendants: October 31, 2019

Disclosure of Written Reports:

Plaintiff: October 15, 2019

Defendants: November 30, 2019

Supplementations by plaintiff under Rule 26(e) due December 9, 2019

Supplementation by defendants under Rule 26(e) by December 16, 2019.

COMPLETION OF DISCOVERY: December 31, 2019

MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT:

Plaintiffs' Position: Plaintiffs do not believe summary judgment motions are necessary or appropriate in this case.

Defendants' Position: December 15, 2019.

CHALLENGES TO EXPERT TESTIMONY: At trial. Such challenges may be presented in advance of trial by written motion.

DISCOVERY

DISCOVERY NEEDED:

The parties will exchange factual background and documentation relevant to claims and defenses of the parties.

Parties reserve the right to object to discovery, including discovery of Electronically Stored Information (“ESI”), to the extent that it is unduly burdensome or is not proportional to the issues involved in this matter and/or the amount in controversy.

MANDATORY DISCLOSURES (Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)):

The parties will provide disclosures pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(1) by August 20, 2019.

INTERROGATORIES: A maximum of 25 interrogatories by each party to any other party. For the purposes of the propounding parties only, “party” shall refer to (1) the Individual Plaintiffs collectively, (2) New Hampshire Democratic Party, and (3) the Defendants collectively. Responses due 30 days after service unless otherwise agreed to pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 29.

REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS: A maximum of 25 requests for admission by each party to any other party. For the purposes of the propounding parties only, “party” shall refer to (1) the Individual Plaintiffs collectively, (2) New Hampshire Democratic Party, and (3) the Defendants collectively. Responses due 30 days after service unless otherwise agreed to pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 29.

DEPOSITIONS: A maximum of 10 depositions per side unless otherwise agreed to or ordered by a court. Each deposition limited to a maximum of seven (7) hours unless extended by agreement of Parties.

REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS:

Plaintiffs’ Position: All requests for production of documents must be served by August 15, 2019. All documents must be produced in response to requests for production of documents by September 16, 2019.

Defendants’ Position: Requests for production of documents will be governed by Rule 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

ELECTRONIC INFORMATION DISCLOSURES (Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)):

The Parties agree to preserve all evidence which is likely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence in this matter. The Parties further agree that to the extent emails or documents have been deleted due to the good faith use of a document retention policy, including regular email deletion practices, they will not seek sanctions based upon those deletions which predate the filing of this lawsuit.

Subject to the right to assert any applicable objections and exemptions, including but not limited to confidentiality and privacy issues regarding student records, the Parties will respond to any requests for documents maintained in electronic format to the extent included in discovery

requests. Any e-discovery search requests will be limited to no more than ten (10) key words to be used to search ESI unless otherwise agreed upon by the Parties based upon a specific need. Any electronic documents will be produced in a format agreed upon by the parties based upon reasonable and specific needs and costs.

STIPULATION REGARDING CLAIMS OF PRIVILEGE/PROTECTION OF TRIAL PREPARATION MATERIALS (Fed. R Civ. P. 26(f)):

The Parties reserve the right to assert any privileges to inadvertently disclosed privileged documents, and agree that such inadvertent disclosure shall not operate as a waiver of any privilege, and that each party shall have the right to request and obtain return of such documents as set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(5)(B). If any party wishes to contest such a claim of privilege, any such material may be filed with the court only with a request that it be sealed.

OTHER ITEMS

SETTLEMENT POSSIBILITIES: The Parties do not believe settlement is likely.

JOINT STATEMENT RE: MEDIATION: The Parties do not believe mediation will be helpful.

TRIAL ESTIMATE: 5 days.

WITNESSES AND EXHIBITS: Deadlines set by final pretrial statements.

PRELIMINARY PRETRIAL CONFERENCE: Scheduled for August 13, 2019.

OTHER MATTERS: The Parties will notify the court if the New Hampshire Presidential Primary Election is scheduled for a day other than February 11, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE CASEY AND MAGGIE FLAHERTY,

By and through their attorneys affiliated with the American Civil Liberties Union of New Hampshire Foundation and the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation,

Dated: August 6, 2019

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